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SUBJ: U.S.S. FORCES IN THAILAND

1. RELIABLE NEWSMAN SAYS PRIME MINISTER-ELECT SENI PRAMOJ TOLD HIM APRIL 18 THAT ITS WAS "TOO LATE TO DO ANTHING ABOUT" MARCH 20 DECISION REQUIRING WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. MILITARY FORCES IN THAILAND.

2. HE PERSONALLY WOULD HAVE LIKED "TO RECONSIDER THE U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWAL," SENI REPORTEDLY REMARKED, BUT KHUKRIT GOT THE DECISION " ON THE NATIONAL RECORD" AND CHANGING IT "WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR MY PARTY BECAUSE IT WOULD CAUSE DISUNTIY AMONG THE PARTY MEMBERS."

3. THE NEWSMAN SAID FOREIGN MINISTER-ELECT PICHAI RATTAKUN ARRANGED HIS CONVERSATION WITH SENI FOR THE PURPOSE OF GETTING INTO THE INTERNATIONAL PRES THE NEW GOVERNMENT'S POSITION THAT THE MARCH 20 DECISION WILL NOT RPT NOT BE RECONSIDERED
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AND REVERSED.

4. ACCORDING TO THE NEWSMAN, SENI MADE THESE OTHER POINTS:

CRISIS PUBLICITY HAD TARNISHED THAILAND'S
INTERNATIONAL IMAGE AND CREATED A BAD CLIMATE FOR INVESTORS.
SENI HOPED TO CHANGE THAT BY "COOLING" THAI POLITICS AND
BY MAINTAINING A LOW PROFILE HIMSELF.

RTG WILL BE DEALING WITH NORTH VIETNAM BUT, AT
THE SAME TIME, "WIL WILL GET TOUGHTER WITH THE COMMUNISTS
INSIDE OUR COUNTRY." THE ANTI-COMMUNIST ACT WOULD BE
RETAINED, HE SAID, DESPITE OPPOSITION OF IT BY SOME THAI
POLITICAL ELEMENTS.
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